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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Scheduled April 30

Wrap up your spring cleaning by bringing unwanted chemicals to this spring's first Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection, sponsored by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD). The event for Lincoln and Lancaster County households (not businesses) will be held **Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Walmart at 87th & Highway 2.** Walmart is offering reusable shopping bags to collection participants.

Items accepted at the HHW collection include fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes, pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, grease removers and brake and power steering fluids.

Items that can be recycled or safely disposed of locally **will not** be accepted at the HHW collection: latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, and batteries. The Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide provides information on what to do with those items (and can be accessed on-line at www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: recycling). Residents are encouraged to buy the minimum amount of household chemicals needed and to choose the least toxic alternative, therefore reducing hazardous waste from their households.

Additional spring collections include a Friday evening collection (3-7 p.m.) on May 20 in Hickman, and another on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pfizer, Inc., 601 West Cornhusker Highway. For more information about the collections, contact 441-8021 or check the website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).